



GOD & LOVE

DAILY FAITH

C. F. Thomas

God is my help in every need;
He my hungry soul doth feed;
Christ walks beside me, guides my way
Through every moment of the day.

I'm in the light of God's Holy Word;
Patient, kind, and loving too;
All that I am, can do, and be,
Is through Jesus Christ that leadeth me.

Christ is my physician when I'm sick;
God is my strength, unfailing, quick;
He is my all, I know no fear;
And God's love and truth are here,
Since the Holy Ghost abides in me.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

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“If ye have faith, and doubt not, . . .” Matt. 21:21.

1 TIM. 3:15

Sept. 16, 1944

Notices

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Church Opens Sept. 17 in Downtown Brick Church

Will you please furnish the pastor with names and addresses of your relatives and friends that he may make a tactful and prayerful contact call to their homes? He wishes to meet as many people as possible now before opening first revival. Will you please ASSIST in this NOW? Address your mail to Rev. M. M. Mortenson, pastor, Church of God, General Delivery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Florida Ministers' Meeting

The North Florida camp meeting will begin Saturday night, September 30, and continue through October 8. The state ministers' meeting will be held October 3-4, in conjunction with the camp meeting, in Lake City. E. L. Simmons, our Assistant General Overseer, will be with us. I will endeavor to be in the State by the 15th.—W. E. Johnson, state overseer of Florida.

Mississippi Ministers' Meeting

The Mississippi ministers' meeting will convene at the church in Jackson October 11, 12. Services will start at 2:00 p. m.—W. M. Stallings, overseer of Mississippi.

Georgia State Ministers' Meeting

Will convene at the Hemphill Avenue Church of God, Atlanta, Georgia, September 21, 10:00 A. M., through September 22.—L. W. McIntyre, state overseer.

His Blessings Are So Bountiful

PITTS, Ga.—I praise God for His wonderful love and mercy to me. I thank Him for convicting me of sin and redeeming me by His blood. Praise God for His healing power; He has healed me many times for about sixteen years. Some time ago He healed our daughter of a serious hurting in her stomach. I am glad He is a Savior to all who trust Him. I praise Him for His love and power. I am glad I found there was power in the blood, yes, and healing power too. If we live in His will we can enjoy His presence. God is so good and His blessings so bountiful.—Lois Braziel.

Why I Believe in Holiness

Heb. 12:14, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord."

Brothers and Sisters, if I know my heart I do want to see Jesus. I want to see those nail prints in His hands and feet that were pierced on Calvary's cross for your sins and mine. Praise the Lord! Psalm 93:5, "Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever." If you want to have a happy home, just let Jesus come in and take up His abode and it will be as the Psalmist said, "Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord."

Isaiah 35:8, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness." Now, dear ones, when we get to Heaven we are going to have a great highway there to walk on, and the streets are pure gold, as John the revelator tells us in Rev. 21:21. Luke 1:74, 75, "That we . . . might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our lives." Now, sister, that doesn't mean to live holiness one day and the next day live for the devil. No, that just means for you and me to live a good holy life three hundred and sixty-five days of the year.

Romans 6:22, "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." If you and I want to bear good fruit, we must be good. You know, sister, when we can our fruit and vegetables we are very careful to cut out all the rotten places and throw out all the bad ones. So when Jesus begins to separate us, He is very careful to say unto those who don't bear good fruit, "Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity." 2 Cor. 7:1, "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." Now, that doesn't mean to half way clean up, but it means to cleanse ourselves from all uncleanness. 1 Thess. 4:7, "God hath . . . called us . . . unto holiness." About ten years ago God called me unto holiness and this is why I believe in holiness.—Mrs. Roxie Braswell, Cortez, Fla.

Notice

My address is changed from Davis, W. Va., to Switzer, W. Va. Anyone having a good piano accordion and an alto saxophone, please write me.—R. L. Rexrode.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Packet No. 1 contains 21 beautiful cards with scripture texts and envelopes to match. We have four hundred of these packets. Christmas cards will be less plentiful as producers were allowed only 60 per cent of last year's production, due to paper rationing. Better order now. Price \$1.00 per packet.

Packet No. 2 consists of 42 lovely Christmas greeting cards containing scripture texts and envelopes to match. While they last, \$1.00 per packet.

No. 44A, consisting of 12 beautiful and lovely Christmas cards with scripture text greeting, and envelopes to match. We have 350 boxes of these. While they last—60c per box.

BULLET PENCILS

At last we have 20,000 bullet pencils. \$52.50 per 1,000; \$27.50 for 500; \$14.00 for 250. These won't last long.



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The 39th Annual Assembly

By E. C. Clark

The 39th General Assembly was not as large in attendance as some previous Assemblies because of the gas and travel situation and the fact that it was held at a distance from the larger membership of the Southern churches. However, the attendance, in my opinion, was not less than five thousand and possibly all told there were first and last as many as six thousand people in attendance. The spirit of the Assembly was good, despite the noticeably smaller attendance. The administration was of such nature that we may all marvel because of what it may mean to the Church in the future.

STARTLING

changes were made, of such nature that it remains to be seen if these changes were actually made at the instigation of the leadings of the Holy Spirit or if they were simply the plannings of good men in an endeavor to lead the Church in these perilous times. The most outstanding change was probably that of the districting of the whole of the United States into six separate districts; over which there were placed six Assistant General Overseers. It is hoped that these changes will make the positions of these men particularly active in the field and convention work, and to further assist in utilizing the ministerial manpower that may be available in each respective field of the Assistant Overseers to the extent that a greater evangelical effort may result. We may all look forward to these men to give an account of themselves as they are all men of experience with records of success behind them. They will need your prayers and cooperation to do all that rests upon them in these new and added responsibilities.

LITERATURE BOARD

A board consisting of five men, the president of which will be called the Editor-in-chief to this position, F. W. Lemons, was appointed in connection with the editing and publishing of Sunday School literature, Lighted Pathway, and other youth literature and tracts. This field has long been neglected and it is to be hoped that this move will bring forward our literature departments as mentioned above. This is a great and un-

limited field, which we have little more than touched so far. If we can by changes effected therewith reach out after the youth of the country in a more successful way, then this step will prove to be one of great worth, and this we confidently expect it to be.

GENERAL CHANGES

were made in various fields and of different officials. The office of General Overseer, which had been filled the last nine years by J. H. Walker, was shifted to the shoulders



of J. C. Jernigan, former overseer of Florida. The retiring General Overseer, J. H. Walker, had enjoyed a successful administration, who, upon the resignation of Zeno C. Tharp, President of The Bible Training School and College at Sevierville, was chosen to fill the office of the President of the School and College. Brother Tharp had held the position of President of the School for the last nine years, under whose oversight the department of Junior College had been added, and the entire Bible School and College had enjoyed great growth and success. Brother Tharp was loved and appreciated in his school work and despite the very able

successor chosen to fill his place, in the person of J. H. Walker, former General Overseer, it goes without saying that Brother Tharp will be missed at the School. May God's blessings attend him in his new field of labor as overseer of South Carolina. We anticipate growth and blessings upon the School and College under the management of J. H. Walker, the new President, who had, prior to his entering the office of General Overseer, held the superintendency of the Bible Training School while it was located in Cleveland, Tenn.

STATE OVERSEERS

were changed at an all-time pace. Different of the state overseers were chosen to fill the office of Assistant to the General Overseer, which caused an unusual number of vacancies. H. L. Chesser, former overseer of North Carolina, was elected as Assistant General Overseer and appointed to the great Northwest. We predict that this prayerful and humble man of God will make good in his new field of labor and to this extent we join him in prayer. E. W. Williams, former overseer of Ohio, was elected as one of the Assistants to the General Overseer and was appointed to the North Central District. Here again was a choice of a man with experience and one who bids fair to give good account of himself in his field of labor. My prayers also accompany this good man. Paul H. Walker, former overseer of Michigan, was also elected among the Assistants to the General Overseer and was appointed to the Northeastern District. When time comes for the reckoning of accomplishments I predict that Brother Walker will have his part of the sheaves, and to this end I shall pray with him for his success. The great state of Georgia also lost their former overseer, A. V. Beaube, to the ranks of Assistant General Overseer, who was appointed to the great Southwest. No less certain it is that whatever others of this new rank of men do, Brother Beaube will make equal showing. May God give to him added strength and blessings in his new field of labor. For him also we shall pray. To the far Western District was elected J. D. Bright, former over-

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Communism and Democracy

Earl Browder, Sidney Hillman, and the Communist Party have all decreed that they would support the New Deal, after the Communist Party has supposedly been disbanded in the United States in favor of Roosevelt for President, etc. What are we to expect relative to continued religious liberty in these United States? Communism closed ninety-eight per cent of all the churches in Russia; it cannot, therefore, be democracy. With gas denied many pastors and bishops, superintendents and overseers of many church movements, isn't this a time for very serious thinking of not only "what shall I do with Christ" but "what shall I do with the politicians?" Our loyalty to Christ comes first, and those who are against Christ are against us. George Washington Robnett, Executive Secretary of the Church League of America, has made a terrible exposure of Communist activities in our Government in his book entitled "Can We Preserve Our American System in a Postwar World" (price 50 cents, 102 pages). *Bible News Flashes* states that there are now 2,850 Communists in key positions in our Government.

Thursday School

Time, July, 1944, gives the very interesting story of Bible reading: "... in San Francisco's old Whitcomb Hotel (three blocks from the city hall), where a group of some thirty city fathers (seven Roman Catholics, seven Presbyterians, an assortment of other Protestants) meet each Thursday morning for a half-hour's Bible study.

"After they have eaten a hearty breakfast around a big oval table, some member opens the session with an extemporaneous prayer. Then the city officials open their pocket-size New Testaments. Being chiefly politicians and lawyers, they are naturally attracted to St. Paul's *Epistle to the Romans*. Explains Mayor Roger D. Lapham's administrative assistant, David Lewis: 'We are taking up *Romans* now because that book is an exposition of the law of a Christian. There are some attorneys in the group and we decided to start there.'"

Pearl Harbor and Liquor

Prohibition reports that under date of June 14 a Congressional Committee, charged with responsibility of secret investigation through a Military Affairs Committee, of the Pearl Harbor tragedy, made public information that Col. Thoe. Wyman, Jr., and Harry William Rohl, German-born contractors, delayed the completion of the aircraft warning system, and that the night of the tragedy both Wyman and Rohl spent the night at Rohl's home and that Rohl "rushed to his office in civilian clothes in a drunken condition." They were companions at "wild drinking parties." Hence liquor lies behind the Pearl Harbor tragedy. The mounting shame of our liquor bill was an increase from \$2,003,000,000 in 1934 to \$6,083,000,000 in 1943.

Child Training

Dr. Clarence H. Benson, writing in his book, "An Introduction to Child Study," states that there were a few years ago, 860,000 children in New York City without any knowledge of the Bible and void of all sense of right and wrong, because there was not a vestige of Bible or Bible teaching in their homes. Dr. Benson further stated that "one week's attendance at the movies is five times the number that will congregate at our numerous churches and Sunday Schools. Statistics," said he, "show that in the United States 77,000,000 attend the movies each week. Of this number 28,000,000 are under the age of 21 years; 11,000,000 under 13 years, and 6,000,000 under seven years old. (The above book, 234 pages, cloth bound, price \$1.50.) In these movies the groundwork of child delinquency was laid.

The Lord's Dwelling

Editor of *Midnight Cry* comments that "Professor Shapley," says The New York Times, "reports the discovery of 75,000 new galaxies to add to the 325,000 already known. He tells us the galaxy spotter will probably run the total to a million within a few years, and that the average galaxy contains MORE THAN 1,000,000,000 SUNS, plus, no doubt, planets, moons, comets and other minor accessories.

... (Some of these) new galaxies may be 100,000,000 light years from our earth.'

"The greatness of our God can be measured, in one way, by the size of the 'house' He lives in."

Catholic Schools No Cure for Crime

Juvenile court records flatly contradict Catholic propagandists who glorify parochial schools at the expense of the American public school system. According to the admission of Father George B. Ford, Roman Catholic chaplain at Columbia University, more than three-fifths of the juvenile delinquents recently arrested in New York City were Roman Catholics. As quoted in the newspaper *PM*:

"During the first four months of 1943, 64 per cent of the juvenile delinquents in Children's Court were Catholic. This means the Catholic Church has something to be greatly concerned about."

This is a grave indictment of Catholic education, in view of the fact that only one-fifth of the total population of New York City is Roman Catholic.

On the other hand, it is commonplace to read the declaration of Juvenile Court judges that very few, if any, of the youthful offenders brought before them attend Protestant Sunday Schools.—*Midnight Cry*.

Germans Sentence Christians

Occupation authorities, according to RNS, are holding trials of 960 persons in Nagyvarad, Transylvania, accused of helping the Jews by hiding their possessions.

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The Church of God Marches On

REV. JAMES L. SLAY

Those who attended the 39th Annual Assembly of the Church of God at Columbus, Ohio, witnessed one of the most important conclaves of modern times. Not only was the Lord present in great power to bless all hungry hearts, but His glory was felt and acknowledged by the ministers in all our official sessions.

We think it is indeed wonderful that God can and will bless His servants during business sessions of such far-reaching importance as these have proved to be.

Although the Bishops' Council was not to convene until Thursday, August 24, we found a great number of our ministers and officials present in Columbus on the night of the 23rd. It was gratifying indeed to stand in the sumptuous lobby of the Deshler-Wallick Hotel and watch the ministers and laymembers as they greeted each other with real Church of God love and enthusiasm. The executives, officials, and men of importance who were living in the hotel at the time, could not but ask, "Who are all these happy people who do not smoke or look as others?" Surely it delights us all to know that we still possess that certain something akin to heaven that makes us stand out in a world of sin and darkness.

The Council of Bishops was held in the large ballroom of the hotel and one could not help but be grateful to God as he heard the deep harmony and melody of approximately six hundred of our ordained ministers ringing in that gilded hall that had so often been the scene of dancing and revelry. A deep sense of the presence of God was felt by all during the four days the Bishops' Council was in session and this in spite of the fact that we had a change in general officials and passed measures which could be termed by some "of a revolutionary nature." All of the bishops were hearty in their approval of the plans made for the future and we are sure that all measures passed will prove beneficial to the Church, not only in the homeland but on foreign shores as well.

The large Memorial Hall was well nigh filled to capacity on the first night of the General Assembly. 'Tis

true the crowds were not so tremendous as in the past, due to the rationing of gasoline and the war effort, however what the crowd of four thousand lacked in number they made up for in joyous enthusiasm.

The singing was wonderful, so wonderful, in fact, that Dr. Matheny, the minister who extended to us such a



hearty welcome, had Gov. Bricker come over the following day to speak for us and hear the glorious singing.

A hearty welcome was given to the Assembly by Mayor Rhodes and the Chief of Police representing the civic government. Rev. E. W. Williams and Rev. Roy L. Marcum extended to all a welcome on behalf of the Church of God in Ohio. Interesting responses to these welcome addresses were given by Rev. J. E. Douglas, overseer of California, and Rev. D. C. Barnes, professor of Theology at the Church of God Bible Training School and College. Rev. A. V. Beaube was the speaker of the evening and delivered an interesting and timely message on "The Purpose of the Assembly."

It would be impossible to tell of all the good things that happened during the Assembly, yet we feel that some things should be mentioned. Notable

among these would be the singing by special groups such as the Kannapolis quartet, Dunn trio, Orphanage girls' trio, Assembly quartet, and many others. As always, the singing of the Assembly was outstanding. Then, too, there was great preaching. Rev. Synan, Assistant Superintendent of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, delivered a remarkable sermon on "Pentecostal Apologetics." Naturally, this message was received wonderfully and the minister had to stop repeatedly while the huge crowd praised the Lord for the reality of the Pentecostal experience.

The subject of "Sanctification" was dealt with in a sane, exegetical manner by our own Rev. Earl P. Paulk. Sister Helen Morrow gave to us a delightful sermon on "Love," which was very ably and wonderfully delivered. Dr. Watson, who is the Prohibition Party's nominee for President, spoke of "God's Divine Order of Government" and received a gracious response from our people. Then, too, there were reports from various officials concerning the work of the Church. Brother Cross and Brother Brinsfield gave to us a vivid report of the work being done by the Church of God on the foreign mission fields. Rev. F. R. Harrawood, our Orphanage Superintendent, informed the Assembly of the progress being made by the Church of God in the matter of caring for the orphans. Rev. F. W. Lemons, our Service Pastor, gave some informative sidelights concerning his work with the men in the Armed Forces that proved to be very enlightening. Rev. U. D. Tidwell, Director of Radio Recordings, spoke on "Facing the Crisis," and Evangelists J. T. Roberts and Roy Douglas made reports of the work they had accomplished as National Evangelists for the Church of God.

There were things that happened at the Assembly which served to instill in all a greater desire to work. As we listened to the wonderful annual report of our outgoing General Overseer, Rev. J. H. Walker, our hearts burned within us to work as never before and make the increases of next year even more phenomenal than

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Finding Myself in Christian Service

JAMES O. CAMPBELL

I. IN THE MASTER'S SERVICE IN CHILDHOOD

Young Samuel was dedicated to the Lord before his birth. His mother had prayed for a man child with the promise that "he shall be lent to the Lord all the days of his life." Oh, that there were more parents who would place their children on the altar for service! Such a dedication would help curb child delinquency. We have it said of Samuel that, "None of his words fell to the ground."

There was Timothy, Paul's son in the gospel, who sat at the feet of his mother and grandmother to learn the way of life. He was commanded by his father in the gospel with these words: "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures." We are told by the prophet Isaiah that, "A little child shall lead them." A child was born to a carpenter's wife one day that startled the world. It was He who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

II. THE SERVICE OF YOUTH

We must admit that when courageous steps are to be taken, that youth will take them. Think of David, who is quite well known to all of us. He learned in the school of experience the very thing that he needed to know when he met the giant. In other words, he was prepared to meet the lion when he had slain the bear, and to meet Goliath when he had killed the lion.

There were four boys in Babylonian captivity who dared to serve God at the peril of their lives. Young Daniel was a man of prayer and Satan tried to stop his petitions, but to no avail. The other three boys had pledged with Daniel not to defile themselves with the King's meat or with the wine which he drank. So the day came when they must be tested by Satan's devices. They dared not dance to his music or bow to his image. At length it meant the lions' den for Daniel and the fiery furnace for the three Hebrew children; but God blessed such consecration with a great victory.

III. THE SERVICE OF LEADERSHIP

Moses was a slow-tongued Hebrew,

but God saw in him a man that he could use to lead Israel out of bondage. So He called to Moses one day from the burning bush and made His plans known. A prince of leaders, Moses became. Joshua was the successor of Moses and the very type of person the Lord usually chooses as a leader. It was said of him that, "He wholly followed the Lord." Then there was a young Pharisee so filled with himself that he persecuted those who didn't worship God as he thought best. But God saw fit to knock him off his high horse one day. This very Saul of Tarsus became a mighty leader and missionary to the early Church.

IV. GOD'S CHALLENGE TO THOSE WHO DARE TO FIND THEMSELVES TODAY

We may ask ourselves the question, Can we be that person that God can use? The answer is, yes indeed. God wants vessels that He can use today. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." When we see the vision of the task that is before us, like Isaiah did, in chapter 6, and Saul did, in Acts 9th chapter, we will want to be that person that God can use. By the parable of the talents we are taught we are to gain other talents, and there is not a one of us that does not have one. Paul said that every member in the body of Christ was necessary, even the weakest member. So we all have our particular place to fill and God is counting on us to fill it. The thought that I would have you get from this article, Dear Reader, is that we all must give ourselves in Christian service; let the place be small or great, we must occupy till He comes.

THE BRIDE

MABEL MADDEFORD

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower," Prov. 18:10.

She stands high upon the strong tower with her face turned toward the eastern sky. Her beautiful snow-white linen garments flow about her feet. With outstretched arms she stands on tiptoe, so eager is she to receive that for which she is waiting.

Beneath her strong high tower is a turbulent world with all its sorrows

and heartaches. She would become engulfed, except she had climbed high above it. The fierce winds of persecution whip her skirts around her ankles, but she stands—as the Rock which is the strong tower cannot be shaken nor moved.

She stands alone—out of millions. Many have started to reach this high place but have found the way too rough and rocky, and have given up. But she has attained the heights and stands steady and firm. She is watched with censoring eyes; the mud of defilement has been thrown at her but it fails to reach her. The tower is too high, too lifted up. The filth of scorn and persecution is scattered beneath her feet. She stands secure.

Many are tugging at her skirts to drag her down, others hanging to her skirts to be carried along, some trying in vain to attract her attention to the gaudiness and tinsel of the world, but her eyes are ever turned eastward.

Weariness has shown upon her beautiful face many times. Her ear has caught the cry of loved ones who stand not on the Rock. The roar of guns and bursting bombs reach her, but she fears not.

Ah! Hark, the sound! Methinks a choir of angels herald a message from heaven's open gate. She stands looking, longing, straining. Every eye watches her now.

A speck in the distance, a dot growing larger and larger. She reaches out—out—out. No longer do earth's sounds reach her ears. No longer does she see the defilement of sin around her.

Nearer, nearer comes the cloud in the sky, its brightness blotting out even the noonday sun. The heavens ring with the shout and voice of the archangel as the trump of God sounds. Her feet leave the high tower. With a rush and glad cry of welcome she is gone—Bride and Bridegroom.

Oh, Brother, Sister, are your feet rooted and grounded on that strong tower? Know ye not that ere long, even before the shadows that now cover the earth flee away, He will come? Are you ready? Are you arrayed in the marriage garments? Are you climbing the eastern heights to meet Him? Surely the cry is now being sounded throughout the whole wide world, "Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him."

Joyful Christians

ANDREW VANCE

Text, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable," 1 Cor. 15:19.

The Apostle Paul in making this assertion could see away ahead down the stream of time to a time when with joy he would come up out of the grave victorious over death, hell, and the grave, because we hear him say in the very same chapter, the 57th verse, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." The old patriarch Job said, in Job 19:25-27, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another." Thank God! Job had hopes beyond this veil of tears. Ezek. 37:12, 13, "Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves."

Job asks the question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" The Apostle Paul said, "But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?" Then we hear him say, "To them that look for him, will he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Again he says, in 1 Cor. 15:51-54, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." Here we see that we, too, have hopes somewhere out yonder.

A man said one time, "What is heaven? It is just a place of angels, just a cold place!" He didn't feel that he had any part in heaven. But one day the death angel visited his home. One of his little jewels that had brightened his home for just a few

years, was taken; then he began to feel a little interest in heaven. Pretty soon his wife was called, then a son. Pretty soon some uncles, aunts, and cousins; then he noticed his friends departing one after the other. Heaven took on a new aspect and he became hungry for heaven. I'll tell you, heaven will take on a greater meaning to us if we have loved ones there. The resurrection will mean more to us; to live for Christ will take on a different meaning. We will want to dig until we have struck the rock.

Once when the President had been away on a fishing trip, he came in on a ship and as he walked down the gangplank his friends were there to meet him, the band was playing, and as he got in his car and started up the street, the band still playing, folks were cheering with yells and applause. Another ship came into the harbor. A poor old man that had spent his life in missionary work in foreign fields came down the gangplank. There were no friends to meet him, no band to play. He heard the noise of the tumult and made inquiry as to what it was. The man of whom he made inquiry said, "Why, haven't you heard? the President has come home." The missionary went on his tottery way for a few steps. He looked up to heaven and said, "Lord, all these years I have served Thee, but when I come home there is no band to meet me, no friends to make over me; Lord, I can't understand it." A voice spoke from heaven and said, "Brother, you just haven't got home yet." Hallelujah! When we get home to heaven, there will be a royal welcome. Let's wait patiently for the harvest of souls. Rev. 2:10, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

The Apostle Paul says, in 2 Tim. 4:6-8, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, (of faith) I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me (reserved) a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

May God help each reader of this epistle to get a greater grip on life eternal, casting your eye (as an eagle) heavenward; set your face as a flint toward heaven; put on the whole armor of God; be able to stand in the latter day, and when you have done

REVIVALS

OAK GROVE, La.—We praise the Lord for the great revival at Pine Grove. Brother A. J. Murray, of Selmer, Tenn., conducted it. It was the greatest we have had here. The saints were revived and many souls stirred and interested. Brother Coney, our pastor, is a fine man of God, one who really loves the Lord. I praise God for sending Brother and Sister A. J. Murray this way. They surely have been a blessing to us, not to us only but to sinners. There were ten saved and sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and three baptized in water. Pray for us at Pine Grove, that we might be able to build a church.—Mrs. Dave Carnahan, Rt. 2, Box 128.

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MISSIONARY RIDGE, Tenn.—In our good revival here many were blessed of the Lord; we were graciously favored with His divine presence in each service. Five were saved, four sanctified, and four filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother R. L. Beatty was our evangelist. This man of God will be a blessing to any church. Pray for us as we go on in the service of the Lord.—Cordell Ellis, pastor.

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CHERAW, S. C.—We had a wonderful revival with Brother R. V. Dillingham doing the preaching. Seventeen were saved, seven sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church. Pray for us at Cheraw, S. C.—M. C. Suggs, pastor.

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FREEBURN, Ky.—We praise God for an old-time revival at Freeburn. Sister Eliza Mays, of Bristol, Tenn., was the evangelist. Six were saved, five filled with the Holy Ghost, four baptized in water, and three added to the church. Pray that God will continue to bless, also pray for Brother Ewell Price, for the healing of his body.—M. C. Hyden, clerk, Box 7.

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all you can do to stand, then stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth and having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Pray much, study more than ever, determine in your heart to put the program over for God. May God bless you.

The Message and the Messenger

By REV. R. R. WALKER

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling . . .," 2 Tim. 1:9.

God has given to the world, through Jesus Christ His Son, a message that surpasses all other messages in importance—"Preach the word." This commission is greater in purpose and scope than any other message ever offered to the world. God has ordained and perfected a plan that through the preaching of the gospel all who fully trust in Jesus as a personal Savior may be saved from their sins. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16.

The field is the world, the plan includes every color and race—"Whosoever will," "Whosoever believeth," "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Romans 10:14, 15.

The message of the gospel which brings good tidings, love and peace to the believer is important because it is a truthful message. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," John 8:32. What a consolation it is to know that the gospel, the Bible message, inspired by the Holy Ghost, is a message that will reveal the innermost, hidden secret of the heart, and open a channel for God's grace to operate in each individual's life as he puts trust in God.

This message is a message of life or death. To receive and believe the gospel is one thing. To hear and reject the gospel is another. Those who receive the truth, accept it and trust God by faith, are saved. Those who reject the truth, fail to exercise faith in God, shall be condemned. "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God," John 3:18.

This message is important as it bears a direct command of Jesus, "Go ye into all the world." What Jesus wants is that His saving gospel shall

be preached to all the world, to every judgment-bound soul, that he might believe and be saved.

God needs messengers filled with the Holy Ghost and called by the great and eternal Spirit to take this wonderful message of love and salvation to a sin-cursed world.

Jesus prayed all night before He selected the apostles to carry on after His death, and well did they realize their responsibilities to God and the divine selection by the Son of God. But did they prove traitor and deny the Lord? Two of them did. Is this the percentage rating of the ministry today who fail to continue with God as faithful messengers? God calls for messengers to go for Him on important missions, missions that require greater strength in body, soul, and faith than fliers that go on special missions for their country. Sometimes their mission may be for the destruction of life or the preservation of life. So it is worth God's messenger. He takes the Word and to some it is a message of salvation and to others it convicts them and instead of accepting deliverance they turn to death through disbelief.

Let the message be a song, sermon or prayer, God needs a clear, consecrated channel through which to conduct the words of truth to thirsty souls that want to know Him.

Some have said, "I believe I will enter the ministry *part time*." Did God call you for part-time service? Is His message not important enough for full time? Is God's program and plan to save the world so divided that He calls some full time, some part time, and others to serve a few weeks, months or years and then quit? Have you started and turned back because the task of taking the message was too great a responsibility, and too burdensome? Have you decided that you can make more in a defense plant than in the ministry for God? Is it a matter of what shall be my profession or how much can I earn? or is the question in your mind, "Has God called me as one of His messengers?" God calls! God said, "Go preach my gospel!" To obey that still small voice brings consolation to all who have swung out on His

promises and trusted God. Why should we not trust Him? He takes note of the sparrow that falls. He will care for His own.

Paul said, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." Have you been disobedient to the call of God? Paul did not fail God in going where and when He said go. I believe there has been no greater day in the gospel dispensation than today for God-called messengers to take the gospel to the world. The most important message and one that needs delivering most is the gospel message. Hear ye His call! Go ye into all the world and preach HIS WORD.

Jesus Has Done Much for Me

COTTONDALE, Ala.—I am glad I can report victory over sin and the devil. Jesus has done so much for me I can't begin to tell it all, but I praise Him for salvation that we know about. I was once a member of the Church of God at Sylacauga, Ala., but backslid and was turned out. There is no church close to me, but when I get close to a Church of God I am going to join. Everyone who reads this please pray for me and my home. My husband is in the Army and I have five small children to raise.

Anyone who has any old Evangelists or Lighted Pathways, I would appreciate them to read. Pray that I can trust Him to be healed.—Mrs. W. F. Ferguson.

Child Wonderfully Healed

ALBERTVILLE, Ala.—I praise the Lord for His many blessings to me and for the many times He has healed in my family. Sometime ago my little girl started out the door. She had a stick in her hand and fell against the screen door, sticking the stick down her throat. It cut a hole about the size of a dime. I prayed for her and anointed her in the name of Jesus. We had service at our home that afternoon and we prayed for her again. Brother J. D. McCay, our pastor, anointed her again in the name of Jesus. He wonderfully healed her. I give Him all the praise.

I love the Lord and the Church of God and its teachings. If we live up to the teachings of God's Word and keep His commandments, His Word abides in us and we in Him, we can ask what we will and it shall be done. Pray for me to just be what God wants me to be.—Jessie Jenkins.

STONES

MRS. RUTH STARNES

John 11:1-44

We have in our scripture the account of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, a family in which Jesus was very interested. They lived at Bethany, a village not far from Jerusalem, where Christ usually lodged when He came up to the feasts. Martha and Mary, the sisters, seemed to have been housekeepers and managed the affairs of the family, while Lazarus perhaps lived a retired life. We see a decent, well ordered, happy family, showing a love for Jesus as well as for each other.

Lazarus, the brother, became sick. The sisters showed their concern for their brother by sending for Jesus. Jesus was a great way off, beyond Jordan, but Lazarus' sisters knew where He was, so they sent a special message to Jesus to acquaint Him with the affliction of their family. The message was short, not asking anything, merely stating, "Lord, behold he whom thou lovest is sick."

Do we know today where Jesus is? Is our life in close communion with Him? Jesus loved this family, and today His love is as great as ever. He loves us and when we are in trouble we should call upon Him.

When Jesus had heard that Lazarus was sick He stayed two days longer where He was. One would think that Jesus would have made haste to come to His friends in this, their hour of need; but Jesus lingered. Matthew Henry says, "Jesus loved them, that is He designed to do something great and extraordinary for them, to work such a miracle of relief as He had not wrought for any of His friends." This reminds us of the many times we pray and the answer to our prayer does not come so quickly, yet when the answer does come it is so wonderfully given.

After two days Jesus said to His disciples, "Let us go into Judea again." The disciples protested because the Jews had sought to stone Jesus there. But Jesus explained to them that a man must walk in the day. Jesus had a clear call to go. Today if we have a call from the Lord we need to heed that call regardless of the stones people may throw at us. The only time

we will stumble will be in the night. If we walk in the light, with the will of God as our rule, we will never stumble.

On the journey to Judea, Jesus told the disciples that Lazarus was asleep. Jesus said, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth, but I go that I may awake him out of sleep." He called him "our" friend. A believer is a friend of Christ, and a believer who has passed on is described as asleep. If we are abiding in Christ, we shall merely put off this fleshly body for a heavenly one.

The disciples thought if Lazarus was asleep, he was doing well; but Jesus told them plainly that Lazarus was dead. Jesus said He was glad He was not there so the disciples might believe. This was a great opportunity to increase their faith in the power of the Son of God. Sometimes, when we hear about something, we are prone to doubt, but if we see with our eyes we have more faith. The disciples were to see the marvelous resurrection of their friend.

In the house of Martha and Mary there were many Jews to comfort them and mourn with them in the death of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was near, she met Him, pouring out her heart to Him. She told Jesus if He had been there her brother would not have died, but even now whatever He would ask of God, God would give it to Him. Jesus told Martha that Lazarus would rise again. Now Martha believed in the resurrection and she knew her brother would rise then. But Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Praise God! In Jesus Christ is life eternal. We may die in this life and our earthly bodies go back to Mother Earth, but we are alive in Christ forevermore. We merely put on immortality, exchange the corruptible for the incorruptible. The same way with sinners today. Though we were dead in trespasses and sins, there is a spiritual resurrection in Christ. When we are born again from above we are hid away in Jesus. Our old life has been put off and the new man put on, which after God has been created in righteousness and holiness.

We have Martha's noble profession that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God. She believed in the Son of God. Faith is what it takes today to please

God, for we are told that without faith it is impossible to please Him. Martha called Mary secretly, telling her that the Master had come and was calling for her. Mary went quickly to Jesus, falling down, weeping at His feet. She uttered practically the same words Martha had said, that if Jesus had been there her brother would not have died. It is remarkable to notice the two sisters with a mind of one accord. Oh, how we need more unity in prayer today!

When Jesus saw Mary weeping He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. Jesus wept too and asked where they had laid Lazarus. They had buried Lazarus in a cave and a stone lay on it. Jesus said, "Take ye away the stone." Oh, these wonderful words from the lips of the Son of God! Yes, there are stones for us to move today. Jesus could have but spoken the word and the stone would have rolled away, but there was something for the disciples to do, hence the command. There are many stones today in the lives of individuals that must be moved before Christ can come in. Let's help to roll these stones away and see a resurrection take place. Without this stone being moved from the tomb of Lazarus, he would never have been raised to life. So today, without the stones of unbelief, doubt, mistrust, etc., being removed, the sinner cannot be saved.

Lazarus had been dead four days already, so Martha feared his body would smell by this time. We are told that after seventy-two hours a dead body begins to putrefy, and the Jews say that by the fourth day after death the body is in such a state of decay until it is hard to identify a person. We remember that Jesus rose the third day; He was not to see corruption.

Jesus did not heed any of these natural things. He said to Martha, "Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?" It seemed that Martha could not quite understand the ability of Christ, even though she was well acquainted with Him. All things are possible with God, yet man in the human body will never be able to comprehend all the greatness of God.

The stone was taken away, and Jesus lifted up His eyes to pray at this time. We notice that He lifted up His eyes when He prayed. Today when we pray we need to lift up our hearts

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The healing of my little three-year-old grandson, the doctors said he had tumor at first but now they say it is from a gland and they cannot do anything for him.—Mrs. Hattie Depen, Rt. 1, Big Rapids, Mich.

Me to hear from my husband, Pfc. Carl C. Hattaway, who has been missing in action in France since June 19, and that he will be safe and well.—Mrs. Carl C. Hattaway, Rt. 3, Colfax, La.

Me to be healed of stomach trouble and low blood; God to undertake for a woman.—Mrs. Nettie Pace, Rt. 3, Easley, S. C.

God to undertake for an unspoken request.—Pvt. James E. Bostic, A.S.N. 34982457, Co. C, 2nd Regt., 5th G.P. Bks. No. 1207, Camp Reynolds, Greenville, Pa.

My son in the Service.—Mrs. Luther Lee, Rt. 6, Cullman, Ala.

The healing of Mrs. Lillie White, 513 Hardy St., Bluefield, W. Va., she has sugar diabetes and is trusting God for her healing. She will appreciate encouragement.

God to undertake for me and my children, God took my husband away from me last October and it is hard for me to carry on.—Mrs. G. N. Hedgepath, Rt. 2, Boaz, Ala.

The healing of my body, I am very sick.—Mrs. Thos. C. Elliott, Rt. 1, Box 281, Erwin, Tenn.

The Lord to save me and heal my eye.—Dorothy Gordon, Rt. 2, Box 213-A, Princeton, W. Va.

My cousin, Pfc. Robert C. Nolan, who is in a hospital in Longview, Tex., with malaria, to be saved and healed. My healing, I have something like yellow jaundice.—Doris Epperley, Box 75, Sharples, W. Va.

Brother and Sister Barney's daughter to be healed of sugar diabetes; God to undertake in Sister Rose Lovell's life; my son in England; an-

other son in California.—Mrs. Mabel Richardson, Pittman, Nev.

The healing of Richard Smith who has been unconscious for two months in the hospital; my mother-in-law, Mrs. Emma Pollard, Cooter, Mo., to be saved and healed. She has a serious stomach trouble and is nearly blind. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Shon Pollard, Tyler, Mo.

My thirteen-year-old daughter who has had a heart attack or stroke and is left very nervous and weak.—Rosa Vaughn Osborne, Cawood, Ky.

My son in Service, Henry Houston Marcus, who was wounded August 3, to be healed and saved.—Mrs. Drew H. Marcus, Rt. 1, Demorest, Ga.

My aunt who is seriously ill.—Beulah K. Simmons, Brushy Run, W. Va.

Sadie Futch, a little girl who is seriously ill with heart dropsy. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. G. M. Goff, Gasparilla, Fla.

The healing of my body of eczema which I have had over five years; very special unspoken request.—Mrs. Ruth Bishop, Rt. 5, Paris, Tex.

God to undertake for my son, James F. Skelton, who is a prisoner of war in Germany; two other sons overseas and two in training here in the States.—Mrs. J. W. Skelton, Rt. 4, Booneville, Miss.

God to save and heal my daughter, Mrs. Daphene Pasley, Rt. 2, Calhoun, Ga., of appendicitis; unspoken request.—Mrs. E. C. Adcock, Rt. 2, Adairsville, Ga.

God to undertake for my soul. I need encouragement.—Maudie Bush, Rt. 3, Hazlehurst, Ga.

REVIVALS

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WEIR, Kans.—We had a three weeks' revival here, of which Brother Syrell Crumpton, of Kansas, conducted two weeks. Brother Crumpton did some good preaching. Eight were con-

verted, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and one added to the church.

We surely found a loyal band of people at Weir. We got along fine and had a very successful year. God surely has blessed us since coming to Kansas. We have raised \$68.62 orphanage money and \$190.68 mission money. We raised for district meeting \$40.68, leading the district. We also raised \$150 for our state convention drive, taking second place on the district, with only twenty-three members, now twenty-six, but six of them are away, making nineteen to raise the money. We can do it if we try.

Pray much for our continued success in the Lord's harvest.—L. J. Potts.

WESTMINSTER, S. C.—The Walhalla, S. C., district revival was conducted at Westminster, with the following ministers and churches taking part: G. F. Carter, Seneca; J. P. Green, Walhalla No. 2; Vester Stephens, Crow Creek, and J. B. Cole, Walhalla No. 1. This was one of the best meetings ever conducted at Westminster. J. B. Cole preached the first two weeks, followed by Sister Myrtle Whitehead, of Hartwell, Ga., who preached nineteen nights. One Sunday night they counted sixty-two cars parked near the tent. There were twenty-two saved, ten sanctified, and six filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Earl Roach, the pastor, was very faithful in helping make this meeting a success. He is loved by both saint and sinner.—J. B. Cole, district pastor.

Revival and School

McCOLL, S. C.—In our revival conducted by a trio from Bible School—Sister Exelma Holley, Sister Pauline Avery, and Sister Manorma Carr, seventeen were saved, six sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and six baptized in water. They also conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School.—Brother C. W. Barnes, Box 82.

Appreciate Evangel in Sanatorium

ALTO, Ga.—I am a patient at the State Sanatorium. I am writing to tell you how much I have enjoyed reading the Church of God Evangel. Rev. Lee Head comes to see us and brings us the Evangel to read. I have received a great blessing from it.—Mrs. Ruby Peek.

In Memory of

GANN

On July 31, 1944, the death angel came into our home and claimed our darling mother, Nellie Gann; age eighty-two years, three months and three days. She lived a Christian life for over fifty years and was a member of the Church of God.—Her daughters, Cora and Mollie Gann, Beaverton, Ala.

BOWEN

On July 30, 1944, the Savior sent His angels to the home of Brother I. R. Bowen and claimed his faithful wife; age seventy years, four months and twenty-one days. She was a Christian since the age of eleven years and was a member of the Church of God at the time of her death. She served as clerk of the North Mt. Zion Church of God for a number of years.—Her district pastor, Gordon W. Mize.

CANNON

Pvt. Arthur J. Cannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cannon, of Salem, S. C., was killed in action in France July 14, 1944. He had been serving overseas seven months.—Bessie Cannon, Salem, S. C.

THOMPSON

Freda Marie Williams Thompson, daughter of Lee and Bonnie Williams, was born September 5, 1919, and slipped away to glory August 8, 1944; age twenty-four years, eleven months and three days. She sang and praised the Lord until the end.—Bertha H. Stewart, pastor, Church of God, Artie, W. Va.

HERNDON

Donald Lee Herndon, our precious baby, left us and went to be with Jesus July 9, 1944, at the age of nine months and five days.—Mrs. Dewey Herndon, Box 5, Dunn, La.

SMALLWOOD

Ruthlene Smallwood, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John Smallwood, slipped away to be with Jesus July 22, 1944; age ten years and five months. We miss her little voice in singing and

her sweet smiles. Pray for us that God who comforts the broken hearts will heal our grief. She was true to Jesus and kept the faith unto the end.

CARTER

Sister Susie Carter, wife of Odie Carter, departed this life July 4, 1944, to be with Jesus; age forty years. She was a member of the Church of God at Waycross, Ga.—Sister M. L. Weldon, 815 Eads St., Waycross, Ga.

ROWELL

Gilbert Rowell, twenty-year-old son of Sister A. Rowell, departed this life to be with Jesus July 15, 1944. He was saved about six weeks before he died.—Mrs. M. L. Weldon, Waycross, Ga.

STEVENSON

In memory of Willis Stevenson who was born January 23, 1923, and killed in an accident on May 16, 1944; age twenty-one years. Pray for his wife and son.—Mrs. Ova Combs, Jim, W. Va.

HUTCHINS

Brother R. C. Hutchins departed this life June 19, 1944; age sixty years. He was a charter member of the Church of God, going to Belton from Walhalla.—Mrs. C. B. Kay, Rt. 2, Belton, S. C.

HAGINS

On July 5, 1944, our little daughter, Annie Elizabeth, passed away at the age of one year and twenty days.—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hagins, Rt. 4, Columbia, S. C.

WRIGHT

Cilla Marie Wright, age fourteen years and four months, died August 5, 1944. Sister Marie was a faithful little member of the Linden, Fla., church and will be missed by her many friends and loved ones.—Don Staten, her pastor.

EMERSON

Brother J. J. Emerson, a faithful member of the Church of God at Dunn, La., passed away July 8, 1944; age seventy-three years. Pray for his wife.—Mrs. Dewey Herndon, Box 5, Dunn, La.

SLAY

Pvt. J. C. Slay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernise Slay, of Lucedale, Miss., was

killed in action July 13, 1944, in New Guinea; age nineteen years. Please pray for his bereaved family.—His aunt, Mrs. Earl Brewer.

WHITE

Ida Francis Drake White was born March 7, 1907, and departed this life July 9, 1944; age thirty-seven years, four months and two days. Sister White was a loyal member of the Church of God at Emmett, Idaho.—Rev. G. W. Gifford, Burke, Idaho.

CROSBY

Sister Ethel Crosby, a dear, sweet lady and a loyal Christian, departed this life July 5, 1944.—Mrs. Manning, Rt. 1, Montrose, Ga.

DAMPIER

R. M. Dampier departed this life July 8, 1944. He was a faithful member of the Frostproof, Fla., Church of God.—His pastor, J. B. Ellis.

BRYANS

Mrs. Fannie Bryans went to be with Jesus July 6, 1944. She was faithful to the Lord and a faithful mother and wife to her children and husband.—Mrs. Ethel Wiggins, Loxley, Ala.

ROZEAR

In memory of my husband, Brother R. L. A. Rozear, who was born August 6, 1865, and passed away July 17, 1944; age seventy-eight years. He was a member of the Church of God at Bainbridge, Ga. Pray for me.—His heartbroken wife, Mrs. R. L. A. Rozear, Rt. 3, Box 29, Tallahassee, Fla.

MILLER

Brother W. H. Miller, a member of the Church of God for twenty-two years, departed this life August 10, 1944; age seventy-four years.—L. E. Camp, pastor, Live Oak, Fla.

McKENZIE

Little Willis Autley McKenzie was born February 4, 1944, and was called from this world August 22, 1944. Pray for his father and mother.—Paul Burns, Rt. 1, Box 77, Tutwiler, Miss.

GUY

On June 28, 1944, the death angel visited University Hospital in Augusta, Ga., and claimed for its victim a devout member of the Church of God at Matthews, Ga., Mrs. Lillie Belle (Arrington) Guy. Pray for her relatives.—Rev. G. E. Poole, pastor, Matthews, Ga.

Reports from the Field

Great Home-Coming Service

A great home-coming service was held at the Church of God in Anderson, S. C., on the fourth Sunday in July. All the former pastors were invited. Brother J. C. Childers brought the morning message, which was enjoyed by all. A bountiful dinner was spread and the great crowd in fellowship and feasting enjoyed the many good dishes the faithful sisters had prepared.

In the afternoon Brother Odis Smith brought the message, with shouts of praise going up as he preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. We were favored with many good singers during the day. The Gospel Quartet from the Oakwood Baptist Church, the Young People's Quartet from Greenville Church of God, were with us and demonstrated their ability as good singers although they were young, the Brown Duet from Greer Church of God favored us with some good numbers, Brother Odis Smith's daughter sang a solo, and the local trio rendered splendid service in making the day a success.

This day of jubilee was at the termination of some interior improvements that had been made in the church: new pews in the choir, which had been remodeled and elevated for them; new pulpit furniture, three new chairs, pulpit stand and communion table to match; celotex over the ceiling, and the walls painted. All of this was paid for and appreciated by a group of God's saints who cooperated with our faithful pastor, Brother R. R. Walker, and wife in these splendid improvements. Good cooperation and hard work by the members made this day a success. All praise and honor to Jesus our Lord.—Sincerely, T. C. Bolt, clerk.

Best Year East Los Angeles Has Ever Had

Greetings in Jesus' name from East Los Angeles, Calif. We praise the Lord for our good pastor, Brother J. M. Foshe, and his good wife. He is a real man of God; we all love him. He is a real Church of God preacher. He preaches old-time holiness. This has been the best year this church has

ever had. There were more tithes paid in ten months than there were the past twelve months. We raised more mission money, more for the orphanage, paid \$1,000 for a lot, and got around \$700 pledged on a new church. Praise the Lord. He surely has been good to us. We will miss Brother and Sister Foshe when they are gone. We feel he is one of the best preachers in the Church of God.

We thank the Lord for Rev. John E. Douglas, our overseer. He is a real man of God. We love him and his family. Pray for us.—Frank Woods, Montebello, Calif.

Building Fund Bond Rally at Carmi, Illinois

The Sunday School at Carmi, Ill., has outgrown its present church building. For some time it has been difficult to conveniently accommodate this large Sunday School, so the pastor, Rev. J. L. Summers, and the good people of Carmi got busy and started a drive to build a new modern glazed-tile church building. Sunday, June 4, was set aside for a bond rally. Our state overseer, Brother E. O. Kerce, was invited to take charge of the rally. Also in attendance was the state young people's quartet. The old-time, Pentecostal power fell and we had a glorious time in the Lord. The total amount of money raised was \$5,164. A large percentage of this amount was given in honor of boys in Service. These names are being given prominent recognition in the permanent records of the new church.

One brother stepped out and handed Brother Kerce ten ten-dollar bills, saying, "I want to pay my pledge of \$100 and want to pledge another \$100." Another man who isn't a church member, wrote a check for \$100, and said, "I have another hundred when you need it." A great number of other nonchurch members gave \$25 and \$50 each. One young man who was leaving for the Army the next day, gave \$50, saying, "I want to see a new church building here when I come back." Another young man who had already passed his final physical examination for the Army, also gave \$50. The Sunday School and Y.P.E. gave several

hundred dollars. The business men of Carmi gave him \$1,100.

Thus, through these coordinated efforts, a new church building will be erected at Carmi as soon as a permit can be secured. The people at Carmi have really stood by Brother Summers in this great undertaking and their efforts have been a source of inspiration to other churches over the State.

I can truthfully say that I have never witnessed a greater or freer spirit of giving.—Bill Brown, state Y.P.E. and S. S. superintendent.

Moving Onward

The Church of God in Allenport, a suburb of Mt. Union, Pa., is moving onward under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. George R. Folk.

Since coming to Allenport this Assembly year, souls have been saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Brother Folk has also had the interior of our church building completely redecorated by redecorating the walls with beautiful blentex material, and also the ceiling, being of tile effect, and the sides blend with the ceiling. The woodwork is painted so as to blend with the sides and ceiling. Beautiful chandeliers, which give an adequate soft light, were installed and paid for. Besides this a hardwood floor, narrow width, was also laid, with genuine rubber runner down the middle aisle. The rostrum was also made the entire width of the church. The rostrum was widened so as to provide adequate space for orchestra and choir. It was entirely covered with carpet, as well as four and one-half feet in front of the altar. This is paid for, practically.

A special service was held in which subscriptions to the Lighted Pathway were taken for those in the Armed Forces. A goodly number of Evangel subscriptions were also secured.

The piano was completely overhauled and is now as good as new. Our good L.W.W.B. made possible some of these things, but to God be all the praise, for we move and live in Him and have our being. A nice sum has been paid on the indebtedness and we will have another nice payment in the near future. May God bless our good pastor and his wife and the loyal people in Allenport. Pray for us, that we will have a great harvest of souls.—H. L. Crawford, clerk.

Praise God for the Church in Nevada

PITTMAN, Nev.—Praise God for salvation and His precious healing power! I praise Him for every trial and test I have in these days of sorrow and perplexity. Though that man of sin is about to be revealed, we have a place of refuge beneath the shadow of His wings.

When I came out to Nevada from the East in '42, it was hard, knowing there was no Church of God in Nevada, but praise God, He saw fit for us to get a cabin in a place where a church building was being built not over a hundred feet from our cabin. I watched the progress of its construction from day to day from my cabin window, praying, seeing with the eye of faith a Church of God in the future. I could write on and on, but in brief in February of this year God sent our good state overseer, Brother John E. Douglas, and two other brethren here to Pittman in answer to prayer. Three sermons were preached in the same building; the people accepted, cast their lot with us, and a Church of God was set in order with nine members; others came in later. Now we have a membership of sixteen. Thus the mother Church of God was set in order in Nevada. One of the brothers, Brother Roscoe Scott, stayed for a revival and never in my years of experience have I ever heard better preaching. Though young in the way, he certainly is inspired of God. I feel that Brother Scott has the last-hour message for the Lord's children. Let's pray that God will send out more young men with this same message and zeal.

Brothers Jeffery and Olson also helped in the meeting. Now many people are moving away to other defense areas, but pray that the Church of God in the State of Nevada will be a powerhouse for God, as a city set on a hill where the wayworn and weary may come and find that rest and peace that passeth all understanding in these dark days.

Pray for my two sons in Service to be saved.—Mrs. Mabel Richardson.

Thankful for a Good Year

CLEMONS, Ky.—We, the fellow ministers and members of the Hazard, Ky., district, wish to sound a note of praise for the way God has blessed us in our work this year. We also appre-

ciate the way our good state overseer labored so faithfully with us to make our district mission offering of \$1,500 possible.

We have enjoyed a very pleasant year as pastor of the church at Blue Diamond, Ky. It has been a pleasure to work with the good loyal people we have here. Their cooperation made it possible for us to have an offering of \$660 for the mission cause, and \$140 for the orphanage. This was from our local church.

We have just closed a revival in which God wonderfully blessed. Rev. James Shepard, pastor at Evarts, Ky., preached one week, during which time there were six saved. Then Rev. Fred B. Hibbard and wife, of Union City, preached for two weeks. Altogether there were fourteen saved, three sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. The messages of both parties were enjoyed by all. They made many friends while here. This is the third successful revival Brother and Sister Hibbard have conducted on this district this year. We recommend them to anyone wanting a good Church of God evangelist. Our meeting closed with the Lord's supper and feet washing. We give God the glory for everything.—J. R. Lenning, district pastor.

Nothing Too Hard for Our God

WESTVILLE, Fla. — Dear Evangel Readers, I praise our Lord for old-time salvation that is so real to me and for the way the Lord has kept me twenty-two years. I am saved and the precious Holy Ghost abides. Praise His name.

I take the Evangel and it means so much to me, as there is no Church of God here. I read it and feel the sweet fellowship and God blesses and encourages me through reading it. Now I can say with Job, "I know that thou canst do everything and that no thought can be withholden from thee," Job 42:2. I'm praying for God to give us an old-time revival at this place; I know He is able. This is a hard place and it seems we can hardly have a revival, but I know God can do everything and nothing is too hard for Him. There are souls here that need God.

I am asking prayer that God will send someone here who will preach the Word with power, for surely the harvest is great but laborers are few. I long to see a church here and I believe God will answer prayer. Evangel

readers everywhere, help me pray for this place, also the healing of my body.—Mrs. W. C. Thomason, Rt. 1.

He Is Worthy of All Praise

CARRIERS MILLS, Ill.—Dear Evangel Readers, I thank the Lord for His goodness to me. He has healed me many times, and healed in my home, but it was over a year ago that I began to lose my hair. It would fall out by handfuls. I always had thick hair and it thinned out until it was just half as thick. It worried me and I cried and prayed. I told the Lord one night that I was going to sleep with my head on an Evangel in His name and that I believed He would stop this trouble. I did. He not only stopped it but showed me the reason for it. I hope this will be of benefit to someone. The Lord knows all about us. He knows just the number of the hairs of our heads. This was a small matter for Him but it meant lots to me. Bless His holy name. He is worthy of all praise.—Mrs. Edna Smiddy.

Thank the Lord for Victory

LACOCHEE, Fla.—I thank the Lord for His mercy and all of His goodness to me. We have so much to be thankful for. I thank the Lord for victory in my soul. I am saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and on my way to heaven. I am a member of the dear Church of God; I love it better and better. I also thank the Lord for His wonderful healing power. I ask everyone to help me pray for my dear boys who are in Service, that God will take care of them and that they will see and realize the need of salvation before it is too late. Also pray for my home to be a home of prayer. My desire is to live humble and be ready to meet Jesus when He comes or calls for me. Pray for my unsaved loved ones and friends to be saved before it is too late.—Mrs. P. H. Rogers.

Still Have Joy in My Soul

TUTWILER, Miss.—I praise God for His great healing and keeping power. I was saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost about two years ago and I still have that great joy in my soul.

I praise God for healing my baby a few months ago. Dear children of God, step out for God and live for Him. Pray for us as we don't get to go to church.—Mrs. Leona Tharp, Rt. 2, Box 36.

THE CHURCH OF GOD MARCHES ON

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those of this year. The financial report of Brother Boehmer showed great increases in every department and we are happy to note that we are not only gaining in finances, but have a gain of over six thousand in membership as well.

As one reads this he cannot fail to say that surely the Church of God marches on to victory. While other vast ecclesiastical organizations are losing thousands, we are gaining thousands and the reason for all of this is evident to those who attended this last Assembly. Surely a band of people with such love and zeal to work will never be on the losing side. All who were privileged to attend this Assembly will bear me out in saying that the future of the Church of God looks brighter than ever.

STONES

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to God. Jesus came to do the will of God. He was always obedient to His Father. He said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me." Thank God, He claimed the victory even before the resurrection took place! Jesus wanted to impress upon the minds of the people His mission into this world. Though He was His Son, He was humble, obedient, praising God and giving Him the glory for this miracle.

Then Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." We notice He called Lazarus by name, speaking loudly as if to awaken him out of sleep. Power went along with this command of Jesus. There was a force behind those words. It has been said that if Jesus had not called Lazarus by name, all the bodies in the graveyard would have come forth.

Just like Lazarus was dead here and needed to be resurrected, so we were one time dead in trespasses and sins, but the Lord gloriously came on the scene, and resurrected us to newness of life. Thank the Lord for Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life.

Lazarus came forth bound hand and foot with grave clothes. When we were saved there were many "grave clothes" we had to get loose from. Jesus said, "Loose him and let him go." The devil

may have you bound with the sins of this world, but Jesus is able to cleanse you from every sin and deliver you from bondage into a glorious liberty with Him.

Dear Reader, are there stones in your life hindering you from having a fruitful Christian life? Is there something you can do to help move the stone? The enemy delights in putting stones in our way, but thanks be to God, we can be overcomers through Jesus Christ.

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seer of Tennessee. Here is a man who, while others are toiling for the Master, will not be idle and we have reason to expect that his showing will be of a good quantity and with him we shall also join in prayer that God shall make it so. Lastly, we come to mention E. L. Simmons, formerly Editor of the Evangel but more recently overseer of West Virginia, who was also elected as an Assistant to the General Overseer, and who was appointed to the Southeastern District. Here is a good and great man in an important location, and regardless of whatever others may accomplish, Brother Simmons will not be found wanting. May God give him strength for his new task and it will not be burdensome for me to also remember him in prayer that God may bless and use him in his work.

CONCLUSION

We welcome into our midst John C. Jernigan as our General Overseer, with all his staff of Assistants. We wish for him and them great blessings and success. We hate to lose from headquarters our General Overseer, J. H. Walker, who held this office for nine years, and our former First Assistant General Overseer, R. P. Johnson, who held this office for fourteen years. Also, we hate to lose Earl P. Paulk, the former Second Assistant General Overseer, who resigned to accept the pastorate of the Greenville, South Carolina, church. May God bless and use him greatly. During these difficult times of many changes in the Church and in time of war and bloodshed may we earnestly join in prayer that God may make this a great year for the Church of God in its many and varied fields of labor.

The one who looks back will turn back sooner or later, as he has left something behind him he wants.

Glad I Obeyed the Voice

PINEVILLE, Ky.—I told the Lord the first of this year I desired to do more than I did last year. I was praying one morning, telling the Lord I would like to be a help and a blessing to someone. I heard a voice so plainly say, "You buy some song books for the church and sell the Evangel, and you will be a blessing." I stopped for a moment. I said, "You mean me, Lord?" I heard the voice say, "Yes, you." I said, "Lord, where would I sell the Evangel?" The voice said, "Start at home." I knew I took the Evangel. I wondered a moment, then said, "Lord, you help me to understand if this is your voice; send my closest neighbor out so I can tell her." I got up and went out and my neighbor also came out around her house. I began to tell her what the Lord told me to do. She said, "Sure, I will take the Evangel, and my brother will too." In just a short time I had sold five to my closest neighbor, so I knew God was in it. Now I have thirty-five subscribers to the Evangel. Thank God for His voice and most of all I am glad I obeyed it. I got two dozen song books for the Church of God at Pineville; we have a real Spirit-filled church, Brother Preston Lewis is our pastor. Our church is rapidly improving.—Mrs. Lillie Hopkins Warren.

I Am Trusting Him

SLATON, Tex.—I am happy and words can't express how much I love the Lord, for He is so kind and sweet to me. Each day He spares my life and keeps me under His precious blood. Without Him, how could I live in this old sinful world! Although I can't walk, I am trusting Him and I know when I get home everything will be straight and I won't be sick and there won't be any more pains. Sometimes this old world looks very dark and lonely and I feel like I am off somewhere alone with no one to come in and speak a loving word. Pray for me.—Ethel Mann, Rt. 3, Box 100.

Wonderfully Healed

I sent a request for prayer for my dad to the Evangel and it was printed January 1. He was seriously hurt in June and was very sick much of the time. The doctors could do nothing to relieve him. He was very wonderfully healed about the time the request was printed, for which I give God the praise.—Sister G. M. Goff, Gasparilla, Fla.

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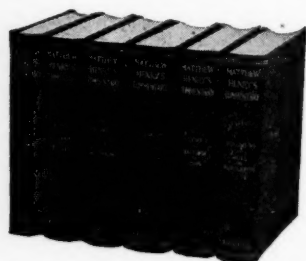
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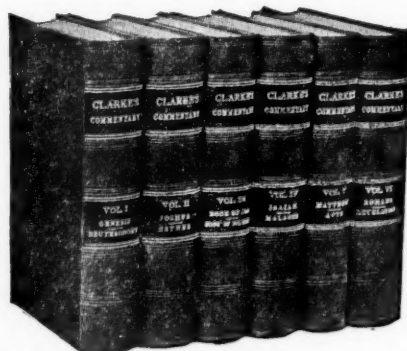
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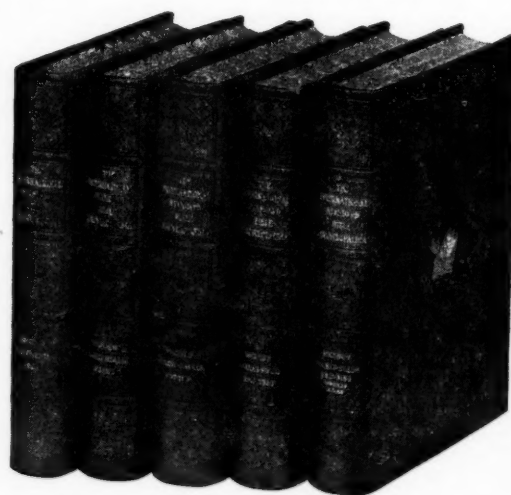
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